GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TASSAR SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tassar Silk Industry of Assam and the North Eastern Region is facing grave shortage of Tassar and depends largely on the cheap silk- yarn from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the capacity of Tassar Silk Industry in Assam and other States of North Eastern Region and the extent to which it depends on imported silk-yarn; and

(d) the amount of such yarn imported for Tassar Silk Industry during each of the last three years and the current year, indicating the origin of the yarn?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The estimated requirement of Tasar Silk in Assam & other North Eastern States is approximately 55 MTs. However, the total production of Oak Tasar Silk in the region is around 3.00 MT only. Therefore, there is a shortage of approximately 52 MT of Tasar Silk Yarn.

(c) The details of the production of Tasar silk in the North Eastern Region during the last three years is as under:

State Tasar Raw Silk production (in MTs)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (Provisional)
Assam	-	-	-
Arunachal Pradesh	-	neg	neg.
Manipur	3.0	3.0	1.3
Mizoram	neg	neg	-
Nagaland	0.2	neg	0.1
Total	3.2	3.0	1.4

neg. = less than 50 kg.

The additional requirement of Tasar silk is mainly supplemented through import.

(d) The import of non-mulberry silk and silk yarn into the country during last three years is given in Annexure.